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From the Editor's Desk:

Let's Have a Genuine Dead Week!

The subject of Dead Week was treated briefly in this column in the last issue of the paper, one which came out during Dead Week. Now that that week and finals week are both well behind us, perhaps a closer evaluation of the plan should be made.

The often-stated purpose of Dead Week is to give students time to study for final exams by discontinuing all extra-curricular activities during the week preceeding exams.

As far as the elimination of activities is concerned, Dead Week was an utter failure.

We realize that Harding's Dead Week was prescribed to begin the Wednesday before final exam week, but for emphasis let's examine that week beginning Monday.

Dead Week Very Alive

Finals began Monday, Jan. 17. During the preceeding week the basketball team played two games, one of which was at home. One evening there was a Belles and Beaux program; on another there was an orchestra concert. More than one night that week intramural basketball games were scheduled.

Perhaps the least understandable breach of the plan during that week and final exam week were intramurals games played on Monday and Tuesday nights of final exam week.

We have every sympathy with Harding's intramural program, recognizing the time and energy put into its organization and the problems involved in scheduling; and this is not meant to be a personal criticism.

Perhaps those in charge of the activities were not informed of the Dead Week plans. This might explain the games during the preceeding week, although those during finals seem completely out of place under almost any circumstances.

Loyalty to Intramurals

Some contend that diversification from study is good during the exam period, but we doubt that an obligation to the intarmurals program should be imposed here. Some might not be able to spare the time, but play regardless, out of team loyalty.

There seemed to be a general lack of understanding among both faculty and students as to what Dead Week entailed, and this was the main problem. One professor announced that Monday Night Meeting was being discontinued because of Dead Week, while the next chapel announcements advertised activities during the week.

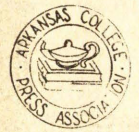
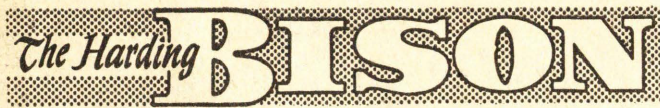
Better communication and definition of the restrictions of the week would have been helpful to faculty and students in charge of arranging activities. Almost everyone would have been happy to cooperate if they had known what was going on.

Plan Can Be Desirable

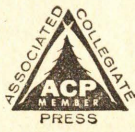
Many schools restrict completely all extra-curricular events during Dead Week. Some even suspend classes for the week. We wouldn't recommend anything that drastic, but an entire week with no non-academic demands on students' time seems very desirable.

We believe this is what most of the students want, and we hope that this semester we are granted it.

— D. O.



"Liberty is found in doing right."



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Math Department Keeping Step with Times

By Dennis Organ

When the average Harding scholar was starting to school, two plus two equalled four. And that's all there was to it.

Today, as Hardingites of 1980 study, two plus two is still four. But it's not that simple — at least not for countless Americans of pre-math revolution vintage.

"Old-timers" of today are perhaps just beginning to accept the fact that set theory and "new math" are here to stay and that their old concepts are being discarded.

The current trend in mathematics — at all levels — is toward a study of the theory, says Professor Dean Priest, acting chairman of the Harding math department.

Departmental Changes

Recent changes and additions within the Harding mathematics curriculum are geared to keep pace with this trend, not only for the upperclass math major, but also for education majors and incoming freshmen who consider mathematics nothing but torture.

For several years the freshman 101 course has been pointed in the direction of theory, an emphasis Mr. Priest finds many Arkansas colleges have not followed.

Harding's required course aims at the foundation of mathematics, not at a re-hashing of fundamentals which should be well mastered by students at college level.

Weak Freshmen

But a problem does exist because students aren't well founded in math when they come to Harding. In a sense the department is burdened down with the 101 course; as Mr. Priest says, "It shouldn't have to be a remedial course, but one which looks at changes in the field of mathematics."

This inadequacy, he points out, is not the fault of the student. High school teachers and counselors haven't prepared students sufficiently with mathematics backgrounds; the problem roots in both secondary and elementary school curricula.

Perhaps this picture is changing, too, however. Mr. Priest notes that "incoming freshmen this year know whether they like math or not; and if they do, they know what math is. This indicates some improved instruction for students inclined that way."

Fear Among Teachers

But he also points out that mathematics is an essential tool in most other areas of study; students who need it shouldn't be forced to approach math with dread because their backgrounds were weak or because their teachers feared the subject, too.

Letters---

Political Views vs. 'Stock Solutions'

Editor, the Bison:

This is in answer to the Jan. 12, 1966, editorial entitled "Closed-Mindedness of Radicals Solves No Problems of Any Type." It was insinuated that those who "believe only in 'conservative solutions' to political problems" do not "believe in objectively evaluating political things."

Liberalism and conservatism are not stereotyped "solutions" to problems, but are bodies of principles to be applied in any situation. A liberal evaluates a situation and suggests solutions based on "liberal principles."

To say that he seeks only "liberal" solutions to problems does not mean that he is narrow-minded or unobjective; but it merely suggests that he is consistent in his thinking, and that he bases his decisions on his principles, not on his whims.

Rather a true insult would be to say that he does decide by whim, that he is ruled only by convenience, that he is unprincipled, politically amoral. The same is true of a conservative.

Inconsistency is no virtue. Consistency (liberal or conservative) does not necessitate a "closed mind."

Neal Fain

To help remedy this problem, the Harding department has begun courses for education majors in the teaching (and learning) of math for the elementary and secondary levels.

Mr. Bill Oldham conducts classes this semester for the first time in Math 225, Math in the Elementary Schools. Not an education course, it gives prospective teachers a better understanding of the number system and "new math" terminology.

Encourage Students

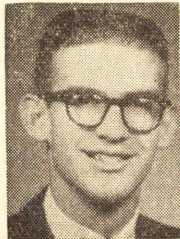
Overcoming a fear in elementary teachers is a goal of the math education plan — teachers who are sure of themselves can instill or encourage students, regardless of their liking for the subject.

Harding's growing number of math majors are not lacking for modern course offerings, either. Curriculum changes have added four advanced courses: two semesters of intermediate analysis, linear algebra and an additional semester of modern algebra.

Faculty improvements are in the making to fit the expanded horizons of the department. Kenneth Perrin, department chairman, returns in September, 1966, with a doctorate and an emphasis on algebra.

Leave of Absence

Mr. Priest begins a 27-month leave of absence in June to obtain an analysis-oriented doctorate. Within three or four years



Rats and Roaches

'God's Death' - Step Towards Truth

BY JIM WILSON

"God is dead!" declares an Emory theologian and churchmen around the Western world talk excitedly about the earth-shaking declaration, like a bunch of tired-eyed theater-goers all in a dither over some fresh musical.

Actually the idea is nothing new. From the first century to the present it has been a recurring theme, and, in fact, over a hundred years ago Fredrich Nietzsche, the spiritual father of Nazism, used exactly the same expression.

Today Nietzsche is dead, but God continues to exist — that is, the God lives on, although misconceptions about him may have arisen and fallen over the years.

YET A SHIFT is upon us. Immorality of itself is deplorable in any circumstance, but we should not be blinded to the realization that God in the modern context, as he relates to our experience, the lives of Harding students, may be closer to the true God than some conceptions of him in the past have been.

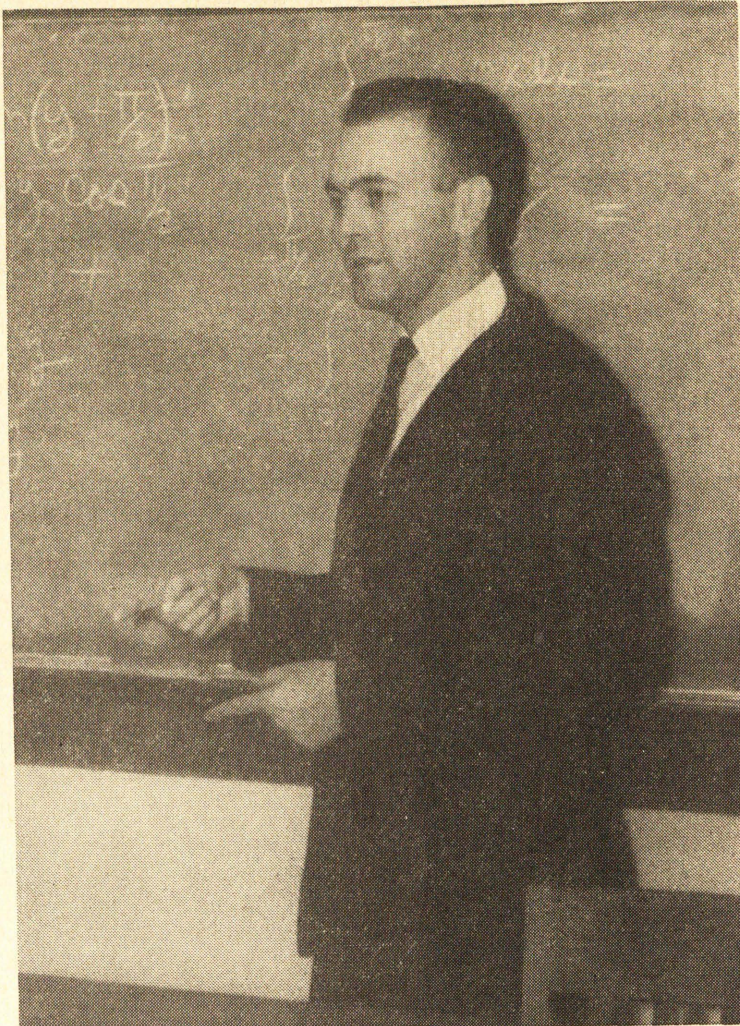
Some God may be dying. He is the residue of "Christian" centuries of war and exploitation. His main function is to prevent immorality through instilling in mankind a sense of perpetual guilt. He is the God of old maid Sunday school teachers and Cub Scout den mothers.

Such diverse elements as colonial imperialism, prohibition and ancestor worship have com-

Campus Quote Of the Week

Student Ron Culison was showing slides of Saigon in chapel last week when a peaceful street scene came on the screen:

"Here we see a lovely tree-shaded street in Saigon, much like ones we would find in any small Southern city like Nashville or Memphis."



MATH PROFESSOR DEAN PRIEST makes a point to his class in Intermediate Analysis II, one of the new courses offered by the department this year. Mr. Priest will leave in June to do doctoral work at the University of Mississippi.

— PHOTO BY ORGAN

the department hopes to include four with Ph.D.'s or equivalent degrees.

Even then, housed in a new science building with perhaps a computer program, the department will be needing to expand, for mathematics is one of the fastest-growing fields of study.

Mr. Priest describes the ur-

gent and rapid development of the field, saying, "I read the other day that ten years ago there was more geology taught in colleges than mathematics. Today there is more math taught than all the physical sciences together."

Talk about keeping pace — that's quite an order to fill.

bined to create this God. He has taught men to distrust the soul that the real God gave them, and he has lived on their guilt. This perpetual tarnish has driven innumerable sons and daughters of Christian families into skepticism, prostitution and perversion.

THIS GOD IS NOT the God of the early church or even the God of the Israelites, but rather he is the God of the nineteenth century. He is not Apostolic but Victorian.

That the Victorian concepts are fading is obvious. That the consequences are all necessarily bad is open to question.

A genuine Christian looks at the world with a vastly different understanding than does his good-intentioned neighbor. The Christian bases his life on the ultimate, whereas his neighbor bases his life on truth and justice in this world and on peace and physical satisfaction in this life alone.

The Christian can know no real defeat no matter what happens in this world.

NOW, RETURNING to the disappearance of the Victorian God, how does all this affect the Christian? The follower of Christ should not be concerned that the whole world abide by the externals of Christianity but rather his desire should be that as many as possible confess Christ wholly.

The Christian's main concern is not even conventional morality, though it is a significant goal to him, but instead he most wishes that men recognize the existence of divine love and that they respect one another according to that principle.

The post-Victorian world, the "secular society," as the theologian Harvey Cox calls it, gives greater opportunity for the demonstration of true Christianity than any recent century ever did.

NOW WE CAN HOLD our faith for pure reasons without dilut-

ing it by economic considerations and without suffocating it in the clothes of one particular society. Today we can separate our faith from celibacy, blue laws, customs, politics and, though I run a tremendous risk of being misunderstood, from conventional morality.

It may look like the abdication of Christianity. If so, maybe we should remember that Christ often remarked that the Kingdom would be comparatively small, and Paul reiterated this on various occasions.

Christianity is an individual proposition. Never have the masses been truly holy. The life of a Christian is one of dedicated solitude, always trying to represent Christ in an unchristian world.

ACTUALLY THE SO-CALLED death of God may be a step toward truth comparable to the disestablishment of the Church. If we have any faith at all we believe that God lives, no matter what philosophical notion may be popular with man. We cannot even strike a compromise with him or move him in any way unless he kindly wishes to intervene for our benefit.

Christians need to concern themselves very little with God's personal welfare or his continued existence. But at a time when much of the world gives us seeming cause for alarm, the passing of a misconception of God, rather than a cause for disillusionment, may be a cause for quiet thankfulness.

Ashton Is New Assistant

Bison feature editor Margaret Ashton, a junior English-journalism major from Ponca City, Okla., has been appointed assistant editor of the Harding weekly.

She succeeds sophomore Ken Starr, who transferred to a Texas school this semester. She will continue in her present role as feature editor.

Plans Being Made for Variety Show

Harding's annual Variety Show will be presented Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the college auditorium.

The show is a combined effort of the junior and senior classes to raise money for the Junior-Senior Banquet. The banquet is

held near the end of May. Students, faculty, other amateurs and professionals may participate in the show. Professor John Ryan, the show's director, held two nights of auditions. He response and that the tentative program looks great. Professor Bob Helsten will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Admission is 50c for students, faculty, staff and children and \$1.00 for other adults. Tickets will go on sale Feb. 14.

A Cappella Accepts 9

Nine students have been added to the A Cappella Chorus. They are Susan Teal, Mako Watabe, Beverly Holeman, Janette Staton, Sandy Green, Linda Byrd, David Pace, Andy Saunders and Tom Pettigrew.

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Kansas Forensics Attract Debaters

Dr. Evan Ulrey and six debaters returned late Saturday night from the 24th Annual Gorilla Forensics Tournament at Kansas State College of Pittsburg, one of the country's largest tournaments.

The team's highest finish was Tom Porter's fifth place in oratory. Fifty-five were entered in the event.

Seventeen states and 72 schools were represented at the meet.

Each of three Harding debate teams won two of six rounds of debate. Porter and Fred Bailey composed the junior team, with Janice Barry and Connie Taylor and Bob Rader and James Dockery making up the senior squads.

Bailey survived the preliminaries of extemporaneous speaking and participated in the semi-finals.

Other entrants in individual events were James Dockery in oratory and Bob Rader in extemporaneous speaking.

To the man who himself strives earnestly, God also lends a helping hand. Aeschylus.

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Van Harris Polishes Skills

Karate Fan Wards Off Evil Spirits

By Ann Camp

In an atmosphere filled with incense, a Buddhist monk took vengeance on the forces of evil and devised a method to protect the divinities. The method of protection was the art-sport, karate.

Harding College has no fear of evil spirits; but just in case, freshman Van Harris, a student of karate, knows the complicated ritual.

Harris is a psychology major from Arlington, Tex., and is a member of Lambda Sigma social club.

He learned the sport because "it is fun, it teaches good body control and doesn't take up as much time as other sports."

Taught in Dallas

Allen Steen of Dallas, holder of a Third Degree Black Belt, taught Harris, and is the owner-operator of the karate studios in Dallas and the surrounding areas. He holds the title of Southwest Champion and was third place finalist for the World Karate Championship.

Harris plans to attend the International Championship Tournament at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium Feb. 19 to take his test for the Brown Belt, or amateur status. The Black Belt is attained only by professionals in the sport.

The rituals for the Brown Belt status will include forms, some judo, three-step control sparring and sparring with a partner.

No Broken Boards

The sport of karate is not a



ALL IN A WHIRL, James David Bales is thrown by karate instructor, student Van Harris, in a costumed workout.

— PHOTO BY MAUDLIN

trail of broken boards, as they are broken only for demonstrations to show how much strength can be obtained from the sport. The defense techniques are a major portion of the course, as punches, slashing and hitting with all parts of the body are taught.

Often many people confuse the sport with judo, another defense technique. Judo is a sport only, whereas karate is an art with a highly mechanized defense

technique, and is even more specialized and complicated than combat judo.

Karate utilizes every part of the body, uses different fast combinations and develops self-control. The student of karate is able to move his hands and feet at the same time and yet maintain his balance while defending himself.

Classes Begin

Harris has put on a demonstration for a club function, and later hopes to work up a chapel program around the sport. He also began teaching lessons in the sport yesterday.

His aspirations include the ownership of the Black Belt status and a school of karate.

Summing up his love for the sport, he said, "The sport is one of the most facinating that one can learn. There are less injuries and all the muscles are used. Besides having unbeatable self-defense, it is both an art and a sport."

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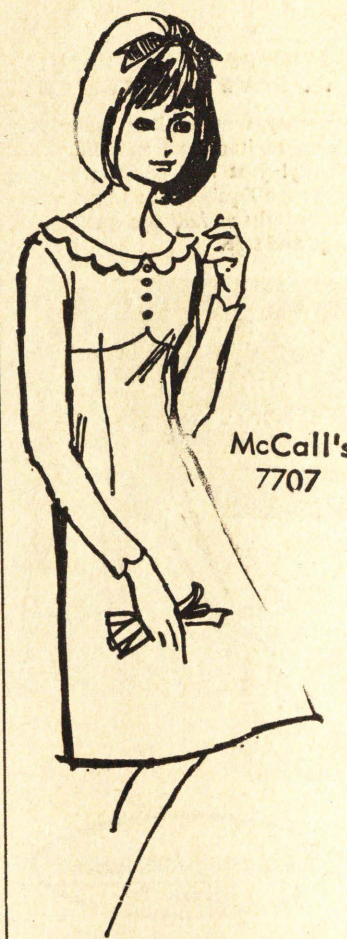
FRIENDLY CLUB RIVALRY brings a snowball from Kay Bonnell, club queen of Alpha Epsilon Chi, thrown at Joan Ritchie, Frater Sodalit's sweetheart.

Medical Students Gain Acceptance Into Universities

Eight Harding pre-medical students have been accepted to medical schools for the coming year. Robin Algee, Tim North, Tom Blucker and Loverd Peacock have been accepted by the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. Peacock, a 1965 graduate, is currently holding a research fellowship in pharmacology at the University of Arkansas Medical Center. Blucker, Robert Clark, George Hobby, Otis Edge and Jim Ed Gray have been approved by the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. Gray has also been accepted by the University of Missouri School of Medicine, and he will probably attend there unless his alternate status at the Baylor School of Medicine is changed to an acceptance. Carlotta Brown has been accepted to the University of Arkansas School of Nursing.

Placement Office Schedules Visits of Various Recruiters

Several recruiters will be on campus during the next two weeks to interview prospective employees or graduate students. On Feb. 14 and 15 representatives of the Southeast Area Red Cross Headquarters will be interviewing in Little Rock. They are recruiting for Assistant Field Directors on United States installations and for work with the American Red Cross Clubmobile in Vietnam and Korea. They are interested in both men and women who are college graduates. Full information can be obtained at the Placement Office. The U. S. Civil Service Commission representatives will be on campus Feb. 15. Recruiters for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. will be here to interview business administration majors Feb. 16. Also visiting Feb. 16 will be Mrs. Marguerite Holcombe, Personnel Director, Bakersfield, Calif., schools, to interview elementary and junior high teachers. S. H. Kress Co. will have a representative on campus for interview Feb. 17.



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Club Notes

Delta Chi Omega
Delta Chi Omega social club elected new officers for the spring semester in a recent meeting. They are Brenda Swann, president; Kris Jackson, vice-president; Mary Joy Davis, secretary; Charlotte Thomas, treasurer; Lola Murry, historian; Paulette Parks, sports director; Janette Staton, devotional chairman; Gail Ables, Interclub Council representative.

OEGE
A hayride and chili supper at Kiwanis Park on Nov. 20 was the highlight of fall semester activities for OEGE social club. The club plans a March banquet and an outing later in the spring. Mrs. Sara Bills, sponsor, and club beau Sherman Shewmaker have served in their capacities for the first semester.

Social Clubs Preparing For Speech Arts Meet, Set February 25 and 26

Harding's social clubs are preparing for the approaching annual Speech Arts Tournament, with three club trophies to be given following the Feb. 25 and 26 competition. Clubs with the best showings will win one or more of the three top prizes, the Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Trophy, the Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Arts Trophy or the Woodson Harding Armstrong Sweepstakes Trophy. Forensics events to be engaged in are debate, entertaining speech, extemporaneous speech, original speech, radio speech and short sermon (men only) or Bible storytelling (women only). The highest point total in scenes, pantomime, dramatic monologue, interpretation of prose and poetry and Bible reading, will merit the dramatic arts prize. The club with most total points in all events wins the sweepstakes trophy. Any full-time undergraduate student may enter through his social club or as an independent. Professor John Ryan is in charge of the event.

Frampton Fills Soph SA Seat

Mike Frampton, sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind., was unopposed for the vacant SA men's representative position for his class and assumed his duties last week. The Student Association office was left empty when Ken Starr transferred to a Texas college for the spring semester. Frampton, a Bible major, is a member of Timothy Club and TNT social club. He said, "I feel a great responsibility stepping into Ken's shoes in the middle of the year, and I will greatly need the help of my class." "Even though I didn't run or compete, I still feel highly privileged to hold this office, and I will serve the sophomore class in any way or capacity that I can."

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ASTC Bops Bisons, Leads AIC

By Don Johnson

The ASTC Bears got an assist from the weather, and they moved into undisputed possession of first place in the AIC by beating Harding here Tuesday night, 87-67.

The Bears and Southern State carried 10-2 records into Tuesday's games, but the icy roads

kept Ozarks from meeting the Muleys at Magnolia. So the Bears, 11-2, are the kings of the road, at least for the moment.

First Half Was Close

The game assumed the proportions of a rout early in the second half. Harding trailed by nine, 41-32, at intermission, and the Bisons rallied to cut the deficit to 43-37, so things were looking up for the home folks.

But Joe Lippe hit one basket from underneath and two from the outside to get the lead to 12. A couple of minutes later the Bisons went scoreless for another two and a half minutes.

Danny Wood, a little guard from Judsonia, didn't. He hit six points, and with 10:00 remaining ASTC had a safe 64-44 lead.

Harding couldn't come within 16 points after that, and both teams started shuttling the players in and out. Passes flying out of bounds, hook shots and a 30-foot set by Bobby McKeel kept it from getting too boring.

Funnyman Johnson Gets 21

Mickey Johnson (number 43—the one who amused everybody)

led the Bears in scoring with 21 points. He also got 11 of their 38 rebounds. Larry Burleson, who put them ahead with a four-point play, 25-23, with 6:20 left in the first half, scored 18. Lippe and Wood got 14 and 13.

It was Harding's fourth straight loss and made the Bisons 5-8 in the AIC. They lost their last game by 88-80 to Arkansas A&M at Monticello last Friday, a trip made eventful by a foot of snow in the southeast Arkansas area.

Bateman's 6'7" Captures First In NAIA Meet

Senior Tom Bateman led Harding's delegation to the First Annual NAIA Indoor Track Meet at Kansas City by winning the high jump with a 6'7" clearance.

Bateman and Rodney Williams from Ft. Hays State (Kans.) cleared the bar at 6'7", but Bateman won on fewer misses.

Miler Cliff Clark finished fifth in that event with a 4:38.0 timing. Ken Ellingwood ran a 2:12.0 880-yd. dash to finish sixth. Harding's 2-mile relay team placed fifth with a 8:16.7 timing. Ellingwood, Clark, Dick Shenfeld and Jerry Brown made up the relay team.

Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., placed first in the field of 20 teams. Ft. Hays State was second, and Texas Southern was third.

Harding was the only AIC school represented.

Swimmers Win Match by 94-0

Harding's Water Buffaloes, originally scheduled to swim against Arkansas A&M at Monticello Saturday, were forced to cancel the meet when the Boll Weevils failed to show up at their own pool.

There was some speculation among Boll Weevil fans that A&M couldn't make it on account of the weather.

However, the industrious Water Buffaloes, taking advantage of the situation, merely staged an informal meet among themselves in the A&M pool — with Harding winning, 94-0.

Coach Johnny Berryhill's charges stand 3-0 as of Jan. 30 in dual meet competition, having previously defeated Ouachita Arkansas A&M and State Teachers.

Cage Intramurals Have Full Slate; Season Half Over

The intramural basketball season neared the midway point last week as seven major league and five minor league games were played.

The scores are as follows: Buckeyes 50, Hawkeyes 46; Hoosiers 65, Frogs 63; Porkers 70, Mustangs 63; Faculty 49, Longhorns 48; Badgers 76, Owls 69; Gophers 58, Raiders 56; Wolverines 72, Wildcats 61; Bulldogs 42, Trojans 41; Falcons 45, Gators 44; Bruins 44, Middies 35; Faculty 53, Mules 50; and Terps 39, Seals 38.

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SIDELINE SIDELIGHTS

BY DON JOHNSON

Scholarship Requirement: NCAA Wrong

The National Collegiate Athletic Association held the first of its news seminars last week in Tucson, and Bill Flynn broached the subject of grades. Flynn, the Athletic Director at Boston College, said that any student ought to be able to participate in any varsity sport, regardless of grades.

That put some interest into the session, since the NCAA had just recently approved a ruling that for an athlete to be eligible he had to maintain a C-minus average.

We don't agree with either position. Usually a student isn't in a college long if he can't meet the grade requirements, so we can't see catering to him simply because he can catch a football or hit jump shots.

THE INSTITUTION CAN'T (shouldn't, anyway) lower its standards to keep an athlete in it. Harding doesn't, and that's a good reason why we can't sign some athletes that we'd like to have. They know that they can't meet the academic standard, so they don't come. And that's good, since this is primarily a place to come for an education.

But the NCAA's C-minus ruling is bad, too. Many students, not just athletes, have a grade point below 1.75, and they shouldn't be penalized because they aren't scholars.

Athletes do have quite a demand on their time; practice usually takes at least 10 hours weekly and often much more. And being a good athlete pays well, too. Harding matches the rather low AIC scholarship standard, but even that amount lets the boys attend here without much financial strain.

AND WE GET enough enjoyment out of watching them per-

form that we don't begrudge them the money at all.

We think that the AIC's rules for athletes to stay eligible are just about right. In his freshman year, an athlete here has to pass 12 hours. He can fail any number, as long as he passes 12, so he could make 12 hours of D and three of F and still be eligible, even with a .8 GPA.

That's fair, since many students have trouble adjusting to college life and work. Athletes especially fall into this category, since often in high school they didn't worry too much about the academic side of things but found the work easy enough to get through.

IN HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR the AIC athlete has to have a 1.5 cumulative average and must have passed 12 hours the preceding semester and 24 during the past two.

That same hours requirement holds during his junior and senior years, when he must have an overall average of 1.75 and 2.0. Since 2.0 is the minimum requirement for graduation, he finishes without the aid of lower standards.

Harding loses very few athletes through the grade requirement. Football usually is the biggest offender, though not necessarily in proportion, but the Bisons lost only three off of the 1964 squad.

ONLY TWO on the basketball team have averages below a 2.0, and both of them are eligible. John Valentine, Mike Lamb, Randy Hughes and Lewis Bell all have a 3.0 or above. The same is true in other sports.

Harding's athletes would be justified in having a lower GPA than NAIA requirements, since the school prides itself, justifiably, for its academic standing. Hendrix College is the same way.

That was the real bone of contention in the NCAA affair. Flynn said that many Eastern schools, notably the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts University, have such high academic standards that it's hard for the athletes, and everyone else, to meet them.

HE THOUGHT different standards should be set up for different schools, in line with their overall academic requirements. We agree with him, but how could it be done? Such a scaling would be extremely subjective, a matter of degree.

The Selective Service System, trying to figure out whom to draft, has the same problem.

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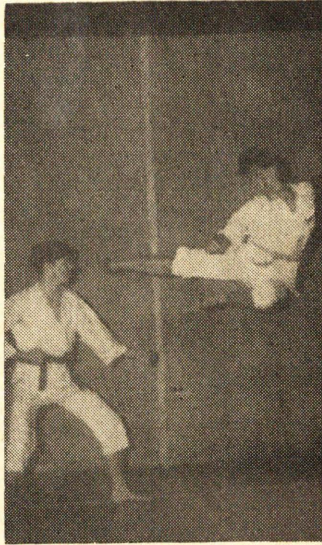
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Harding Might Obtain Olympic Training Nod

Harding College is one of three institutions being considered by the United States Olympic Committee to study the effects of altitude on athletic performances.

Dr. Robert Clark was notified last week by a representative of the committee about the training program. The representative requested information concerning Harding's physical fitness research laboratories and track and swimming facilities.

Nations throughout the world are starting now to prepare for the 1968 Summer Olympics to be held in Mexico City.

Mexico City is located 7,000 feet above sea level. Because of this, the United States Olympic team will need to know what effects altitude has on the athletes' performance and how to

train to overcome these effects.

Twenty athletes will be selected from throughout the nation by the committee to train in the research program. These athletes will be boys which the committee feels to be Olympic material. Harding was asked to submit the names of one or two distance runners who might be eligible for the twenty-man group.

The program is scheduled to begin next July or August. If Harding is selected for the program, the group of athletes, plus the members of the U. S. Olympic Committee, would come here for a month. Then the group would go to train in an area in Colorado approximately 7,000 feet above sea level.

Pool Is Drawback

Clark was optimistic about receiving the program, but Harding has one drawback that might keep it from landing the program. The college's swimming pool is not of regulation Olympic size. It is hoped that a pool in Little Rock or the one at Hendrix College in Conway could be secured for the research and training program. Hendrix hosts the NAIA Swimming Meet this year.

The ancient Olympic games began around 776 B.C. Modern day Olympics began in 1896. In 1964 the meet was held in Tokyo, Japan. Japan spent \$2 billion in preparation for the games. Ninety-four nations entered the events that year.

Soph Whiz Ronnie Brown 'Came To Play'

By Johnny Vaughan

Ronnie Brown came to play. Someone once made that statement and it is about the only way one can describe the attitude of the Bison star from Poca-hontas. "That's why I'm here," he says. "To me, athletics are everything."

And this may well be the case, for Ronnie is an all-around athlete, participating in both inter-

collegiate basketball and baseball while majoring in physical education.

Football Star, Too

But his athletic prowess doesn't end here, for it extends also to track and football. Ronnie placed second in the state Class A hurdles as a high school senior, and, unknown to many, he originally planned to attend Harding on a football scholarship.

"But I figured I could do more good as a basketball player, so I switched." Several basketball teams around Arkansas probably wish he hadn't.

Ronnie was first influenced toward Harding by an older brother, Jim, who graduated several years ago, and he was recruited through the efforts of Carl Allison. "I don't guess I ever really thought about going anywhere else," he said. "I like it here."

20-Point Average

Currently carrying a 20-point per game average, ranking him second in the conference, Ron explains the difference one year has made in his development:

"Last year, I was the number six man, and I always had to come off the bench. And when you do that consistently, you have to produce in a hurry or be sent back to the bench. This is bad in two ways, for it doesn't give you enough experience to develop

rapidly, and you are forced to play a style that can often make you look bad."

He explained that this year he looked more like a team player and was playing better, but he wasn't doing anything basically different.

Not Under Pressure

"It's just that since I'm starting, I can play more deliberately, and I'm not under pressure to produce so quickly. And, of course, experience means a lot."

Ronnie set a school scoring record against Arkansas Tech on Dec. 13, when he threw in 47 points. He said he knew he had a lot of points, but he wasn't concerned with exactly how many. "I got tired shooting, but Tech kept giving me the good shots."

Whether they were "giving" him the good shots or not is

questionable, but it is certain that he was able to score against Tech, and he has been able to score consistently well all season.

Future Bright

His average is just shy of that maintained by Harding's All-AIC Vernon Rogers during the 1963-64 season, and with two years remaining Ronnie could very well become Harding's all-time scoring leader.

But scoring a basket or setting a record isn't utmost in Ronnie's mind; what he enjoys most is winning — "especially in winning a close game."

An attitude like that combined with the athletic skills he possesses makes for a tremendous player and a successful team — no matter the sport.

Whoever said it knew what they were talking about: Ronnie Brown came to play.

Independents Win Bowling Trophies

Sub-T put up a gallant fight but Independents 1 beat them in the final showdown, 2611-2291, to capture the fall semester club bowling crown.

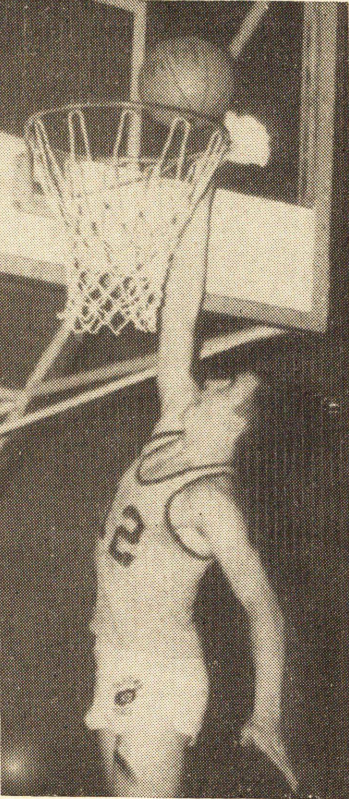
Freshman Johnny Beck paced the attack for the winners with a 522 set. He received good support from Jim Brown and Dave Fouss who had 463 and 453 respectively. The freshmen won by 5 games with a 37-11 record.

Sub-T's best effort was a 468 by Pat Barker. The two teams had battled for several weeks in the position rounds.

Other members of the championship squad are Ronnie Reeve and Ted McLaughlin. The team will bowl the winners of the spring semester for the school championship.

Final team standings for the fall semester are:

Independents 1	37	11
Sub T-16	32	16
TAG	27	21
Galaxy	26	22
Beta Phi Kappa	24½	23½
Koinonia	23	25
Pioneer	23	25
Independents 2	19	29
Lambda Sigma	15½	32½
Delta Iota	13	35



HARDING'S LEADING scorer, sophomore Ronnie Brown, goes high for a lay-up.

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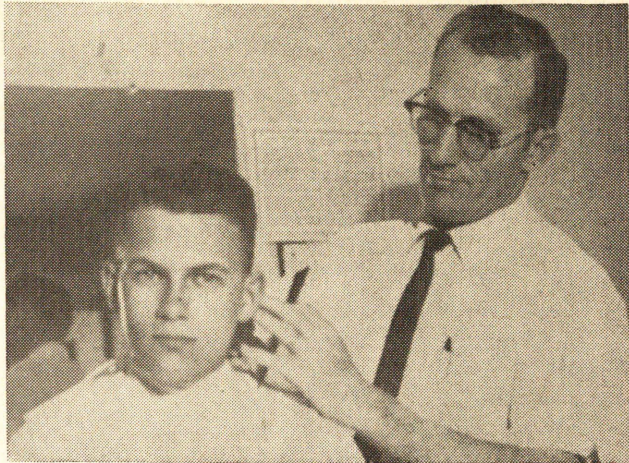
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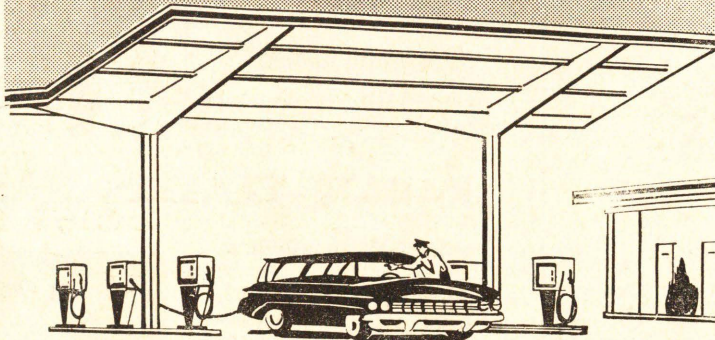
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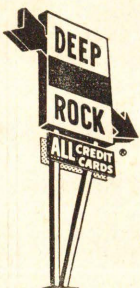
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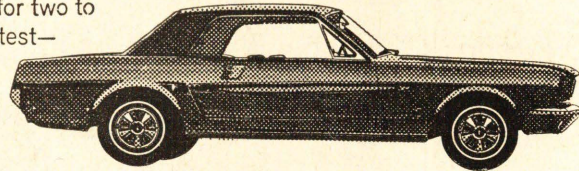


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